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Inside our Foursquare family:

Community Concern:

Foursquare Ministers Participate In Community Services

Reverend John Bowers

National Director of Youth and Christian Education John Bowers was recently appointed to the Rosemead, Ca. School District Board of Trustees, according to Mr. Horace Stringham, Rosemead District Superintendent. Rev. Bowers comments: "It is gratifying to know that parents can have a strong influence on public education. There seems to be a continued, concentrated effort to

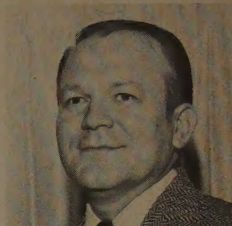
work a partnership between the home and the public school, which I find very encouraging." Rev. Bowers' youngest daughter, Michele, is a student in this school district.

Reverend Harvey Oxner

Pastor Harvey Oxner of the Grants Pass, Ore. Foursquare Church is a firm believer that God's people should be "the light of the world" and "the salt of the earth" in their respective cultures. His involvement in community and county affairs clearly illustrates some of the ways one might fulfill the Scripture.

Rev. Oxner was recently appointed one of three lay members of the County Budget Committee who serves with the three County Commissioners. This committee is responsible for adopting the budgets for all county functions. He currently serves as president of the local Rotary Club and has served one year as campaign chairman and two years as president of the county United Way Campaign.

The Grants Pass Jaycees recently honored Pastor Oxner by naming him as the first recipient to receive the award of the Religious Leader of the Year.



Reverend John Bowers (top); Reverend Harvey Oxner.

Headquarters Ministries:

Birthday Celebration Held in Honor of

President and Mrs. McPherson

Employees of the International Offices, Angelus Temple, L.I.F.E. Bible College, representatives of the Board of Directors and Southern California and Southwest District Offices gathered on March 23, 1979, at the Elysian Park Lodge to

of communications. A 1940 graduate of L.I.F.E. Bible College, Dr. Becker served as head of the Department of Sermon Research for Aimee Semple McPherson, editor of



Dr. Raymond W. Becker

the Foursquare Magazine for 22 years, and almost 10 years as editor and Director of Publications for the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, as well as a long-time faculty member at L.I.F.E.

Funds received for scholarships are utilized to assist both the student and the college.

mortgage note, a lovely dinner was served in the Fellowship Hall. This congregation was challenged by the Pastor and Church Council to pay off the mortgage of their properties ahead of schedule.

The Evening Service included a pictorial look at the past years of this congregation, with Dr. M.E. Nicholls delivering the evening message. He challenged those present regarding the future ministry of the church.



celebrate the birthdays of President and Mrs. Rolf K. McPherson.

A lovely lunch was served the over 100 guests who attended this special occasion. Birthday greetings were expressed to the McPhersons and lovely combined gifts were presented from the various Headquarters Departments and Offices, as well as a gift from the ten Districts.

Raymond W. Becker Memorial Communications Fund Established

L.I.F.E. Bible College Board of Regents Chairman, Mr. Richard Schmidt, announces the recent establishment of a Memorial Communications Fund in honor of the late Dr. Raymond W. Becker, who served many years in the field

Church:

Noteburning Service Upland, California

The congregation of the Upland, Ca. Community Foursquare Church celebrated the discharge of its indebtedness on the church property at a recent Noteburning Service, reports Pastor Stephen Harris.

General Supervisor M.E. Nicholls, District Supervisor John Holland, former Supervisor Harold Jefferies and former Pastor Vivian Twyford were present for this Praise Celebration. Supervisor Holland ministered the Word in the Morning Worship Service.

Following the burning of the

Foursquare Family Night Dodger Stadium

The evening of April 17, 1979, found 3,600 Foursquare members and friends gathered at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, Ca. for an evening of baseball, which was designated as Foursquare Family Night. Total attendance for this game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Houston, Tx. Astros was 27,500.

Sponsored by the Southern California District with the Southwest District and Angelus Temple participating, pre-game activities included a baseball game with the following Denominational

more family:



Dr. and Mrs. Paul E. Jones, Southern California District Supervisors, presenting check for \$2,700 to National U.F.W. President Katie Loggins (far right), a gift rebate from the Los Angeles Dodgers.

leaders and pastors participating: President Rolf K. McPherson, umpire; Vice President and Angelus Temple Pastor Howard P. Courtney, third baseman; General Supervisor M.E. Nicholls, catcher; Southern California District Supervisor Paul E. Jones, batter; Southwest District Supervisor John Holland, second baseman; President of L.I.F.E. Bible College and Pastor of Van Nuys, Ca. Foursquare Church Jack Hayford, pitcher; and Activity Coordinator John Huffman, first baseman. Mr. Dean Jones, actor and television personality and member of the Van Nuys, Ca. Foursquare Church, sang the National Anthem to begin the game activities. The Dodgers broke a losing streak in this game by defeating the Astros 10-6.

A check in the amount of \$2,700 was presented to U.F.W. President Katie Loggins from the Dodger Organization to assist in the building of the new Alabaster House which is presently under construction.

New Church Growth Explosion

Northwest District Supervisor Roy Hicks reports that in the past five years 32 new churches have been established on this District with 17 of this number pioneered within the last two years. He further states that the key to this growth can be accredited to the following factors: The present revival in the land; and the increase in the number of available workers who, in many cases, are young couples answering the call to assume the leadership in these new works. Also, the increase in tithes received in our Foursquare churches has made available added funds to assist in the opening of new works.

As the number of large cities are limited in the Northwest area and we have established Foursquare

churches in many of these cities, the majority of the new churches have been planted in small towns with populations from 5,000 to 10,000. These new works are supported for three to six months from finances made available through the Home Missions Fund. As the church budget increases, support from the Home Missions Fund decreases. "Most of the churches become self-supporting within a period of six months to a year," reports Supervisor Hicks.

Dr. Hicks further shares that at least 50 percent of the churches experience a quick growth from the onset. He also adds that the Charismatic revival is making the largest contribution to this growth as these believers, hungry for the Word of God, fit easily into the spirit which permeates these new works. This spirit, based on Acts, Chapter 2, includes: A spirit of fellowship, worship and gladness; and, based on 11 Corinthians 4:13, a spirit of faith. Other factors contributing to this growth include: New converts who are won to the Lord through Home Bible Studies—the church going out into the community with the Good News; and many whose homes were on the verge of a breakup but who were won to the Lord and experienced a spiritual healing in their families. In small



Newport, Ore. Foursquare Church, pioneered in 1974. New facilities (shown above) were dedicated in 1978.

towns, news of these marital healings has been a source of bringing others into the church with similar family needs.

"Churches have been birthed in various ways," states Supervisor Hicks. The Oak Harbor, Wa. Church began with a Home Bible Study. The Lincoln City, Ore. Church started with a Mid-Week Service, and others were birthed when workers shared their burden for a

particular city. Several Independent churches have also expressed a desire to become a part of the Foursquare Movement and are included in this recent increase in churches.

"Established Foursquare churches have contributed greatly to this growth," states Dr. Hicks, "as they have supplied workers from their staff, and in some cases, have complemented the financial support received from the Home Missions Fund."



Sunday service in Wilbur, Wash. Foursquare Church, pioneered in 1977.

When new works outgrow the home setting, where many are birthed, congregations have rented the local YMCA building, the community center in a Savings and Loan facility, leased closed church facilities, or rented a funeral home or a school building.

"The Northwest District does not have a formula for opening churches," testifies Supervisor Hicks. "We work with what is happening." Today the majority of these new churches are healthy bodies of believers that are reaching all age groups as they minister to the whole family.

Present with the Lord:

Cecil H. Vest

A 1948 graduate of L.I.F.E. Bible College, Rev. Vest passed away on March 16, 1979. Upon graduation he pioneered the Lamesa, Tx. Foursquare Church and was pastoring there at the time of his passing. From 1959-1966 he pastored the Abilene and Andrews, Tx. Foursquare Churches. Mrs. Vest may be reached at Box 652, Lamesa, Tx.



Truckin' Back to Jesus On Interstate 95

Clarence Thompson was at the wheel of the long haul truck as it passed the 179 mile marker southbound on Interstate 95 in Dillon County, South Carolina. It was January 14, 1978, at 6:30 a.m. Clarence, however, had fallen asleep while driving and was heading straight for the guardrails on the wrong side of the road.

"God awakened me just before I was to crash," recalls Clarence. "I opened my eyes, saw where I was headed and started to move the wheel, but it was too late. For what seemed like minutes I heard the sound of breaking glass, crashing metal, and wondered when I would hear no more. I had been away from God for 14 years and although He had been speaking to me throughout the previous year regarding my spiritual condition, I refused to heed His voice. In that moment I asked God to forgive me of my sins, because I knew I was going to die."

But God had a different plan for Clarence Thompson's life. As anticipated, quietness did come as the truck came to a standstill. Clarence's head was under 12 inches of water, but as he lifted it up he realized that he

was still alive. He was trapped in the truck, but experienced no pain.

Later, Clarence was to learn that he had broken eight of his ribs, punctured both lungs, broken both shoulder blades and fractured his left collarbone in the crash. He was told that he would be in the hospital for about four weeks. However, Clarence believed that God was going to mend him faster than the predicted time. God had saved his life, both physically and spiritually, and now he was ready to trust Him for a quick recovery, too.

When the Gardiner, Maine Foursquare Church received word of Clarence's accident, its members began to pray. This was the church Clarence had attended before he had strayed from God. Originally accepting the Lord at the age of 11, Clarence attended church regularly. One year he participated in the National Youth Quizzing program and was a member of the Eastern District team that reached the finals at the 1964 International Convention in Los Angeles. However, as he continued in his teens, Clarence found the pull of the world very attractive and



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Pat Hamman (right), ACAMPAR Founder and Executive Director, shows Greg Rudolph how to use the Bible as a tool in climbing "spiritual" mountains; Below, Pat Hamman (left) chats with Pastor Ralph Moore of Hope Chapel Foursquare Church.

Meet ACAMPAR, An Upward Ascent For the Handicapped.



In this day when our attention is especially being drawn to the handicapped, we are happy to share with our ADVANCE readers news concerning the involvement in ministry of one of our Foursquare churches to this vital area of need—the handicapped.

By Reverend Ralph Moore
Pastor, Hope Chapel
Foursquare Church
Hermosa Beach, California

In the summer of 1978, a young man named Rick Leavenworth went on a backpacking trip and climbed up a 10,000 foot mountain in the High Sierras. It was a hard, upward ascent of one and a quarter miles along a steep and rocky trail. Are you impressed? Well, you should be because Rick is paralyzed from the waist down. He "pushed" himself up that path in his wheelchair. However, there were many places where his wheelchair couldn't roll, such as loose sand, rocks and logs. So he got out of his chair and crawled up the trail on his hands, pulling his chair behind him. Five hours later, he made it to the top and fulfilled his dream of climbing a mountain. Rick testifies that God gave him the strength to do it.

This is just one of thousands of success stories to come out of a ministry called ACAMPAR, an evangelical ministry with handicapped children and young adults. Its purpose is to share the love of Jesus Christ with handicapped kids through year-round camps and recreational activities. ACAMPAR, the Spanish word for "to camp", has made it possible for hundreds of young people like Rick to experience the beauty and enjoyment of outdoor camping for the first time.

ACAMPAR began in 1972 at Hope Chapel Foursquare Church where I serve as Pastor. Pat Hamman, a member of Hope Chapel, and I were discussing the needs of the handicapped in terms of Christian evangelization. Pat, a former high school football star who received his college degree in physical education, had a promising career as an athletic coach ahead of him. But the Lord had other ideas and placed a special burden in his heart. That burden gave birth to ACAMPAR, which had its first summer camp with 20 kids attending. Since then, ACAMPAR has grown to a year-round ministry including everything from summer camps to weekend programs during the year. And its latest program is KIC—Kids into Church. ACAMPAR's leadership is working hard at helping these kids find a church to attend.

Pat Hamman, the founder and executive director of ACAMPAR's ministry, is a church staff licensed Foursquare minister. Although ACAMPAR is interdenominational in structure, the Southern California District of Foursquare Churches offers support financially, prayerfully, and through volunteer services and free use of Camp Cedar Crest in the San Bernardino Mountains for their summer camps.

ACAMPAR reaches out to hundreds of handicapped children and young adults from San Diego all the way north to Seattle, Washington. These include people with disabilities that range from blindness, deafness, and

ther physical handicaps, as well as mental retardation and emotional handicaps.

As the pastor of Hope Chapel Foursquare Church, I'm naturally pleased that several of our young people serve as volunteer counselors in ACAMPAR's ministry. Whether it be all-day excursions to local popular attractions such as Disneyland and Marineland, or summer camping in tents at Camp Cedar Crest, ACAMPAR has something going all year 'round.

Volunteers are the "backbone" of this ministry. Each year hundreds of trained volunteers donate thousands of hours. They meet the special needs of the youngsters and share their own personal relationship with Jesus Christ on a one-to-one basis.

Individual counselors are assigned to one or two kids for each trip. They are responsible to assist in all activities which include travel, grooming, dressing, feeding, etc. Their greatest responsibility, however, is to be a strong witness for Christ at all times.

The counselors must attend one of ACAMPAR's counselor training sessions. Obvious difficulties such as wheelchairs, heavy and awkward braces, required supervision-assistance, heavy medication schedules, communication barriers, etc. are explained and discussed at length. What to do and "how to" effectively share Christ's love with special kids is a major thrust of the training.

It is also amazing to see the number of kids and families which have been touched by ACAMPAR's ministry. Some of the stories are full of joy and inspiration such as Rick Leavenworth's, but there are other stories containing just as much joy and inspiration which must be viewed with an understanding of God's perfect will.

Such is the case of ten year old Heather. She was born with spina bifida, a spinal cord injury that made it necessary for her to use crutches and braces in order to walk at all. And she used a wheelchair when she got tired. Heather's life held little happiness for her, and she saw no hope for her future. Then last year ACAMPAR gave her the opportunity to go to summer camp. It was there that her life took on new meaning as she experienced the love of Jesus Christ and learned that He loved her just the way she was. By the end of camp, Heather's life was full of hope, happiness, and the love of God. In the weeks that followed, she was able to "teach" her parents about a new quality of love she had experienced. Heather also shared the new glorious outlook she had, knowing that one day she would be with Jesus, free of her wheelchair and physical handicap. That day came but a few months later.

On December 2, Heather went to be with the Lord. A tragedy? Only if you look at it from the world's point of view. She left behind her a legacy of hope and new dimension of love such as her family and friends had never known before. Heather's mother testifies to the fact that her daughter had a job to do—a "mountain to climb" when she came home from camp. Heather met that challenge head-on. She "taught" love and hope to the people she came in contact with, fulfilling the special ministry the Lord gave her.

But there is still another dimension to ACAMPAR's ministry which must be confronted daily. According to Pat Hamman, the greatest obstacle to overcome is ignorance. The church doesn't realize the need for ministry to the handicapped and their families. How many handicapped kids do you think there are in the United States? Several thousand? Ten thousand? A hundred thousand? No. Try eight million. And unfortunately, four out of five of these kids come from a broken home. But the saddest statistic of all is that over 80 percent of all families with a handicapped child have no church contact. Sunday is just like any other day of the week, whether they want it to be or not. All of these figures add up to one thing: The handicapped are, indeed, one of the most neglected "mission fields" in America today.

And that's what ACAMPAR is all about. Its goal is to lower those statistics as much as possible by reaching out with something valuable in each hand. In one, the love of Jesus Christ and His plan for everyone's life; In the other, something that these kids need almost as badly—some good old-fashioned fun and recreation. Together, these two ingredients produce some of the most beautiful smiles in the whole wide world.

But ACAMPAR is not a church. And handicapped kids and their families need to attend church, too. Thus ACAMPAR's staff is now prepared to come to your church and help you start a special Sunday school for handicapped young people. And they would love to come and train your young people to become volunteer counselors. I promise both of these will help your members grow in their faith, love, and hope.

Mountains . . . maybe that's what it's all about. Whether it be a Rick Leavenworth who pushed and crawled his way up a mountain in a personal test of courage, or a young Heather, who built a mountain of hope and love for the family and friends she left behind. Either way, ACAMPAR is dedicated to getting these young people out of their valleys and helping them to envision the mountain peaks in the distance.

Heather at Marineland says that Jesus is her reason for smiling.



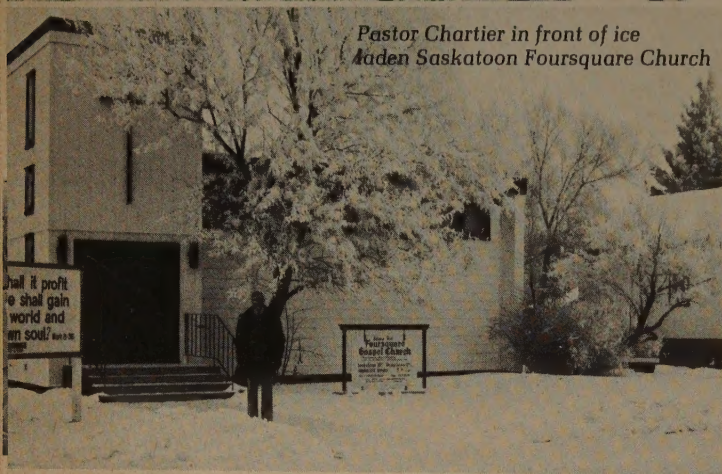
the local church:

Saskatchewan wheat fields.



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Pastor Chartier in front of ice
Aden Saskatoon Foursquare Church



Tuesday Morning Ladies' Home Bib



Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Pentecostal Power on the Canadian Prairie

Situated in the beautiful city of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, is a Foursquare church which consistently endeavors to be sensitive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and then moves as He leads. It is a strong Pentecostal church proclaiming a powerful Gospel message.

However, there was a period in the church's history when Satan appeared to have scored a great victory, seemingly snuffing out the life of the Saskatoon Church. The doors were closed, the property sold and the church was "laid to rest." But as a result of prayer, God intervened and a technicality stopped the completion and finalization of the sale. There was still a work to be done in Saskatoon!

It was at this time in 1971 that Reverend and Mrs. James Chartier, who had been pastoring in North Battleford, Saskatchewan for 10 years, came to pastor the Saskatoon Church. In North Battleford the Chartiers had established deep roots—so leaving was not easy. As they obeyed the voice of the Lord to minister in Saskatoon, they left behind a thriving congregation involved in many outreach ministries, a beautiful new

church and a comfortable parsonage. On their first Sunday in Saskatoon, there were only seven in attendance—three children, their daughter and niece, and their son. Sometimes they would go to church service and they would be the only ones present. But, by faith, they prayed for what they had so many times during their life when they had faced hardships. God always brought them through "for where I say nothing is impossible" (Lk. 1:37).

The Chartiers began their ministry together on the occasion of their marriage in 1941. The call of duty during World War II took Reverend Chartier away for four years to serve in the Canadian Army. During this period Mrs. Chartier continued in evangelistic ministry and pioneered a Foursquare work in the prairie village of Cando, Saskatchewan, near the Red Pheasant and Stoney Indian Reservations. She was called by God when she was 10 years old to preach the Gospel and began preaching at that young age. After the war years the Chartiers continued in ministry in Canada, establishing pioneer missions on the Indian reservations nearby. In 1961 they arrived in Saskatoon.

h Battleford pastorate. Now, in 1971, re assured that God had called them ter in Saskatoon, and they were de- d to fulfill the ministry and task the d set before them in this growing city 00 people.

g Reverend and Mrs. Chartier's first of ministry in Saskatoon, a young hewan University student, who was involved in a cult, was converted and ith the Holy Spirit. Soon after, God faithful people to work and pray with rtiers. The church came alive as peo- an getting saved, and these converts d the Lord in the waters of baptism. vere also miraculous healings and irit infillings. By 1977 the church was whole families accepting Jesus Christ or with lives and homes completely d.

uch testimony is that of Ann Irvine. marriage was on the rocks. She was a s alcoholic with no desire to live. She d everything—alcohol, drugs, psychi- tranquilizers and anti-depressants. n't even successful in her attempts to own life by overdosing or slashing st. Withdrawing from everyone, Ann confidence and felt like the world's "good-for-nothing." But on August a miracle transformed Ann's life and a new hope. A lady from the Saska- urch had come to visit her and to e peace and hope that she could find Christ. As a result of that visit, Jesus free as she turned her life over to n that day He took away the old and replaced them with new ones. victory over alcohol and depression s even healed of her daily migraine es. Today, Ann attends the Saska- urch, and as the days go by she grows he Lord more deeply as her desire to im intensifies.

Coulman can also testify to the mira- took place in his life through the y of the Saskatoon Foursquare He had attended Sunday School and as a boy, but the doctrine was liberal d deeds were stressed rather than n by faith. "I can recall sitting in sensing the presence of the Lord and g that there was more fullness to the n life than I was experiencing," ex- oy. By the time he was 18 years old, s frustrated. His own natural strength ufficient to resist the allurements of d, yet the church told him to do good nd lead a reasonably clean life. He l out of church and became spir- nsensitive to the things of God as he

began to partake of all that the world had to offer. Then in 1977, Roy and his family were invited by their neighbor to attend a special Thanksgiving Day dinner and rally at the Saskatoon Church. That evening at the rally, Roy responded to the invitation to accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior. He and his family are now faithfully attending the Saskatoon Church and are a part of this growing body.

Today this vital and enthusiastic congrega- tion consists of a combination of laborers, professional people and businessmen.

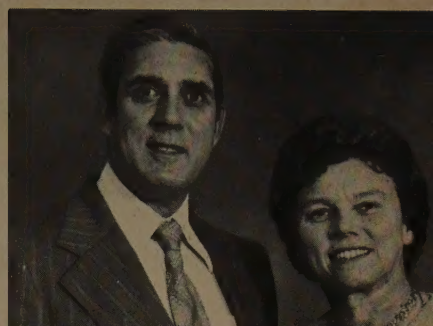
A good number of the people who attend the church came as a result of the church's radio ministry—the Foursquare Gospel Tid- ings Broadcast which proclaims the "live" message of the Gospel. With communica- tions an important avenue of ministry in the world today, the Saskatoon Church utilizes the airwaves by broadcasting the Gospel message each Sunday over nine radio sta- tions in the three prairie provinces of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Alberta, Can- ada. The church is presently negotiating for air time on additional stations.

Another area of outreach by the Saskatoon Church is ministry to several nursing homes, homes for the aged, and the Canadian In- stitute of the Blind. In addition, church teams are assigned to hospital visitation, counsel- ing, and other outreaches as they minister "life" to the needy. Home Bible Studies, a flourishing ministry in the Christian commu- nity today, have also proven to be successful with many accepting Christ as Savior. Five different studies are conducted each week in various areas of the city.

With a real burden for missions at home and abroad, the Saskatoon Church gives over and above its regular missionary offerings in financial support of five children in the Macau Foursquare Children's Home in Hong Kong.

Within the church can be found a very active schedule of women's ministries, in- cluding a United Foursquare Women's Chap- ter. The men of the church meet every week at 7:00 a.m. for a prayer breakfast. Workers with a vision faithfully plan, coordinate, and teach the living Truth in the Sunday School, Children's Church, Cadet and Youth Pro- grams. In addition, on the last Friday of each month all ages gather together for "Family Night." This is a special time of spiritual intake and fellowship for the entire family.

The Sunday attendance averages between 80-100 and continues to increase steadily. In spite of temperatures dropping to 40 degrees below zero during the winter months, people come regularly from a distance of more than



Rev. and Mrs. James Chartier, pastors of the Saskatoon Foursquare Church, founded Saskatchewan Foursquare Bible Institute in 1964 and serve as the Superintendents of the Foursquare churches in Saskatchewan; Below: Cadets enjoy Bible filmstrip.

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12th PENTECOSTAL WORLD CONFERENCE



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convention:

"THE VANCOUVER HAPPENING" Motorcoach Journey to the Conference

A 14-Day official Foursquare Tour will be held in connection with the 12th Pentecostal World Conference, October 2-7, 1979, in Vancouver, B.C. This tour will be hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Earl W. Dorrance.

Departing from Los Angeles on September 26 and returning on October 10, tour members will visit Hearst Castle enroute to San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay; San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge; the heart of the

At right: Pacific Coliseum where night conference rallies will be held; Below: Dr. and Mrs. Earl W. Dorrance, tour hosts.



Redwoods to Eureka; exciting California-Oregon coasts to Coos Bay, and the great sand dunes of Florence enroute to Portland.

Arriving in Vancouver on October 1, six unforgettable days await each tour member at the 12th Pentecostal World Conference.

Foursquare's own Reverend Samuel Odunaike of Nigeria will be among the outstanding conference speakers. Also participating will be Reverend Veronica Suan of the Philippines and Dr. Howard P. Courtney, Vice President and Pastor of Angelus Temple. Dr. M.E. Nicholls, General Supervisor, is Chairman of the P.F.N.A. which will convene during the conference.

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concepts of the Church:

By Bill Jastram

I was told by someone, not long ago, that steel has two strengths it can be measured by. It seems there is a "tensile" strength to steel. This is the amount of pressure under which a given piece of steel can comfortably maintain. In other words, this is the "safety zone" for any particular use. Then there is the "real" strength. This is the limit of its potential. This is the realm outside the "safety zone."

Everyone has his "safety zone." This is the area we can hold up under with "no problem"; no challenge either, and little faith. Then there is the "real" strength. This is the area where we would never find ourselves long if it weren't for God. This is where our responsibility is to respond to His ability.

If you have ever been, or presently are in the second position, then you know what His "real" strength is.

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decided to do his "own thing," thus leaving God out of his life completely. Now, members of the Gardiner Church were rejoicing that Clarence had come back into the family of God, and they earnestly prayed for his recovery. Their prayers were answered as Clarence was discharged from the hospital 11 days later, instead of the originally assigned four weeks. While in the hospital, God also spared him of all the pain he should have experienced from the injuries. The hospital staff couldn't understand why he didn't need any medication for pain. This gave Clarence an opportunity to share with them what God was doing in his life.

"After returning home to Gardiner, Maine, my leg was put in a cast because it was fractured below the knee. This would mean another month out of work, but I decided to put my trust in God. I had left all my efforts lying in that ditch in South Carolina and for the first time in 14 years I really felt alive!" shares Clarence.

"In March I thought I would be ready to go back to work. However, I was stricken with appendicitis and went into the hospital for surgery," testifies Clarence. "Because of my accident in January, the doctors took some x-rays and did a few tests before surgery. They were amazed to find that my lungs and ribs were completely healed! Three days later I was out of the hospital to spend a little more time at home before returning to work."

The months to follow were difficult for Clarence as he faced the trials of finding a new job and coping with yet more illness. Finances were also a problem as the last of their money had to be used to pay medical bills. As Clarence turned to God for help, he was able to put his trust in Him to take care of his wife, Nancy, their two sons, and himself. Soon Clarence was blessed with two jobs doing mechanical work, as well as some unexpected financial help.

"I knew that when I honored God with His tithes that He would bless me and my family as He has done continually," shares Clarence. "As I learned to put my trust in God for all our needs, my family's needs were met above and beyond what I had even asked for!"

Returning to trucking, Clarence began to drive on cross-country trips to California. It was in December, 1978, when the Lord spoke to Clarence regarding his truck. God asked him to sell his truck, which he had built himself, as He had something better for him. Clarence said "yes" to God, and within two days the truck was sold, having never been advertised. He received "top dollar" for it and within the week someone told him about

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- WHEN THE CHILDREN ARE GROWN?
- IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOUR FIRST HEART ATTACK?
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Clarence Thompson and wife, Nancy, with sons, Mike (left) and Fred.

an opening with a national automotive corporation as a truck mechanic. He was hired immediately and is now earning more money than he did when he was driving his own truck.

Selling his truck was a very difficult experience for Clarence, but as he has learned to obey the Lord, the promise "seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33) has proven true to Clarence. Today he gives testimony that he is spiritually alive, physically well, and materially blessed!



Right top: Reverend and Mrs. James Walker, missionaries to Costa Rica; Lower right: The congregation of a Chilean Foursquare Church with missionaries, Reverend and Mrs. Glen Pummel, in background; Ananiso, Papua New Guinea Foursquare Pastor's wife, is exuberant over miracle in her life. She shares her story on Page 13.



international update:

DATE LINE:

"During a recent trip to Los Angeles, I was asked to examine several old documents written in Chinese, which had reference to the ministry of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel in China before 1949," states Reverend Ron Williams, missionary to Hong Kong. "Written on paper now yellowed with age, I found that these documents were related to properties in Shan Tung Province in Northern China. Copies were brought back to Hong Kong and time was spent in detailed translation of the agreements.

"One of the documents pertained to an agreement of purchase by a Christian, most probably a Foursquare church member at that time. Another document dated April 1, 1939, was from a nearby city and related to the building of an Evangelistic Center.

"As I studied these old documents, my curiosity became aroused, and I asked such questions as: Could it be that this man who had signed the purchase

paper was a leader in the Chiang Tao Foursquare Church or even the pastor? I wonder if the man signing the document relating to the building of an Evangelistic Center was a member of the Chinese Board of Directors of the North China Foursquare Gospel Mission and quite possibly the secretary who assisted in registering all Foursquare properties in the northern capital? I wonder if they are still alive today?

"Of course, these are questions impossible to answer. But one thing is certain, they were real men with a real relationship to God and to the Foursquare Movement. It is true that during that period of time our denomination had a very active and successful ministry throughout Northern China which touched hundreds of people. It is reasonably certain that many of them are still alive today. Do I mean to imply that in today's China there could already be existing a nucleus of Foursquare brothers and sisters? Why not? There could be real men like these mentioned in the papers, matured by years of the Holy Spirit's support under religious suppression, forgotten

by men, but not forsaken by God.

"My heart was pricked to repentance for the many times I had neglected to come to the Lord in prayer for them. Who knows, maybe today one of these Foursquare people might need my prayers to stand on."

DATE LINE: Africa

Many of the mountainsides in the Transkei collapsed last year as the rain came down like a rushing river. The floods carried away mud homes as well as entire hillsides on which the corn crops were ready to be harvested.

In order to help these destitute people, Reverend and Mrs. Lewis Ziegler, missionaries to South Africa, have become involved in a Christian outreach food program. Through this program they are able to supply many of the people (Christian and non-Christians) with corn to plant, as well as to eat. When these people were told that the bags of food came from Christians who loved the Lord, their reaction was beautiful. Many had heard the Gospel preached, but this was the first time they were touched with a tangible evidence of God's love.

DATE LINE: Latin America

Chile—"One of the most impressive happenings right now in Chile," writes Missionary Sheila Ransford, "is a great uprising of the youth toward God in all areas of this country. We are seeing such young people in groups of 25 to 50 springing up, seemingly overnight. This is a good indication of revival and a greater moving of God in Chile."

Sheila spent one month, first in Northern Chile and then in Southern Chile, teaching classes in Brief Institutes. In both areas there was a record attendance of students, all so hungry to learn more of the Word of God. During the classes held in the South, seven of the students had not been filled with the Holy Spirit. Sheila told them to come the following evening, ready to receive and that all would, of a certainty, receive. The following night at the conclusion of the teaching, they began to pray and within 10 minutes all were speaking in their heavenly language and filled with the Holy Ghost. God is so faithful.

El Salvador—In preparation for the annual National Foursquare Convention in El Salvador, for one month a special time of prayer was set aside during each service. In addition to this, the surrounding neighborhoods were saturated with Gospel tracts. These people set both

faith and works in motion.

The opening night of the convention, God demonstrated His power with many miracles of healing. The second night, the emphasis was on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and once again God answered prayer by baptizing many with His Spirit. Each night God moved in this convention in a different way, making it an event that deeply affected each person attending.

Guatemala—During the latter part of February, the Foursquare church in Guatemala City started 15 family prayer cells, and it didn't take long until these prayer cells had grown into Prayer and Bible Study groups. Missionary Michael Weilein and Pastor Gilberto write the outlines for the lessons that are taught each week. Others are anxious to be involved, so there may be as many as 25 of these groups functioning in the near future.

God has located these Prayer and Bible Study groups in strategic areas. Irma Melgar leads a lunch hour group each day in the National Palace for all the secretaries. At the present time there are 18 secretaries in her group, and each one is new in the things of the Lord.

The group in the Social Security Hospital started in an unusual way. One night a member of the Foursquare church felt a need to pray and slipped away to the chapel for a few moments. She thought she would be alone but, to her surprise, one of the cooks came in. The cook had been a Christian but was in a backslidden condition. That night she gave her life anew to the Lord. They both began to pray. Another worker who was not serving the Lord also came in and soon he had dedicated his life to Christ. This small group kept growing in the same manner for the next several hours. At the end of the prayer time, God had brought in a group of eight people which now meets regularly.

Many neighbors are being touched with the Gospel by means of these Prayer and Bible

Study groups. "We almost feel the book of Acts is repeating itself when it says that the Lord added to the Church daily," writes Reverend Weilein. "We have taken this as our promise for Guatemala."

Honduras—The San Pedro Sula Foursquare Church celebrated 26 years of ministry on March 17. The missionary that pioneered this work, Reverend Mattie Sensabaugh, was the guest of honor along with the present missionaries, Reverend and Mrs. Arthur Gadberry, who have served there since 1966. Missionary E.D. Truett and a musical group from Tegucigalpa enhanced the service with their special ministries. The church was brightly decorated with floral arrangements in the Foursquare colors and a large sign in red with gold letters. Some 500 attended the service and this special time of celebration.

DATE LINE: South Pacific

Papua New Guinea—One Sunday morning, Ananiso, a pastor's wife, arrived at the service very excited. When she was asked what the excitement was all about, she gave the following testimony:

"I have never been able to read, but since my children are going to school and can read, I have asked them to read the Bible to me. This was nice, but oh, how I longed to be able to read for myself. One day as I was praying I began to ask the Lord to teach me how to read. Suddenly I heard a voice telling me, 'I will teach you.' I was so excited that I got up and lit the kerosene lamp and opened my Pidgin Bible. I could read!"

There was hardly a dry eye in the church as Ananiso gave this testimony. To be sure everyone really believed her, she opened her Bible to two different passages and read both very well. Ananiso is 50 years old, yet Jesus blessed her by teaching her to read and by giving her an understanding of her Pidgin Bible. **4**

District Missionary Giving

District	Jan.-Apr. 1979
Angelus Temple	\$46,863.92
Canada	18,897.23
Eastern U.S.	39,190.12
Eastern Canada	2,642.01
Great Lakes	48,091.60
Midwest	40,894.74
Northwest	87,965.94
South Central	23,576.68
Southeast	17,776.22
Southern California	88,133.53
Southwest	67,240.04
Western	67,431.19

OPEN YOUR Bible:

A Searching Prayer



By Reverend Monty F. Moore
Pastor, Sidney, B.C., Canada

Psalm 139:23,24—"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts. And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

The Psalmist makes expressions of demand, dedication, and direction to the Lord in these verses. In his desperation he cries out to God for release from the pain of self-life.

I would like you to consider three things in the Psalmist's attitude:

Self-Examination

David demanded something of God. He asked the Lord to search his heart. He believed that God by His omnipresence was aware of every evil tendency in him. In Psalm 25:17 he says, "The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses." His attitude is, "God make me conscious of any hindrance to divine blessing." His searching prayer continues as he demands that the Lord try him. "Try me, and know my thoughts . . ." literally means, "test me as metals are proven in a furnace." Having invited scrutiny he now says, "Lord, do anything with me that will make for my purification."

I Peter 1:7—"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

Self-Renunciation

"See if there be any wicked way in me . . ." The Psalmist confesses the weakness of the self-life. David confesses what God says about the natural tendencies and sin nature

of man's heart. He says, "I am subject to desolation, wickedness and despair. In my own strength I cannot overcome the power of sin in my life." He renounces his self-will and his total depravity before the Lord.

Romans 10:9,10—"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Self-Dedication

"And lead me in the way everlasting . . ." David recognizes that it is not in man to lead himself aright.

Jeremiah 10:23—"O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

In his attitude, David now dedicates himself to the full ability and provision of God Who has promised to lead him in a way that is eternal. David recognizes that a self-willed way, birthed in sin and rebellion, will lead to death. By confessing his faith in the Lord and dedicating his attitude and heart to God, he sees a new dimension of direction that is full of life everlasting.

Isaiah 26:3—"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

The Psalmist gave in to the examination of his heart by the Lord. He gave up by renouncing all personal claims to purify and cleanse himself. He gave out in self-dedication by asking God to set the course of his life on a path that was to last forever.

Raymond Cox: Current Events & Comments

Pentecostals almost doubled the national average in affirming, "The Bible is the inspired Word of God and completely accurate and true." In a survey conducted in October, 1978, by National Family Opinion, Inc., the Christian Bible Society commissioned investigation of Bible reading and study habits. Eighty-five percent of Pentecostals affirmed an infallible Bible. The national response was 44.6 percent and the Baptists, 72.2 percent.

Five thousand American families were pre-selected for polling according to latest available census data for population density, family size and income, and geographical distribution.

The same poll quizzed concerning preference of versions. King James scored the highest average in all denominations in the country, 34.8 percent. Pentecostals gave it the largest margin (59.9 percent). Next among Pentecostals came the Living Bible with 12.9 percent. Surprisingly, both the New American Standard and Revised Standard were each named by only 1.6 percent of Pentecostals as their favorites. I would have expected both to command greater support.

Grass roots preference for KJV dramatizes the near impossibility of any translation supplanting it as an accepted new Authorized Version. RSV might have done so had its translators in Isaiah 7:14 not used "young woman" instead of "virgin" for the Hebrew *Almah*. *Almah* sometimes was used for a married woman, as "miss" is occasionally applied to a married woman as a professional name. But the prevailing meaning of *Almah* is "virgin." This goof likely cost RSV its chance of becoming a new Authorized Version at a time when it had no real competitors.

The obstacle to subsequent translations supplanting KJV is largely economic, as complicated by copyright laws. All publishers can issue copies of KJV. Printing of other versions is restricted to the copyright owner and those to whom he grants permission. This is why almost all scripture choruses are based on KJV.

But Pentecostals seem to have a mission field within their own rank. We need to convince the 14.5 percent who doubt the infallibility of the Bible that the Scriptures really are inerrant.

"Pentecostal Power on the Canadian Prairie," continued from Page 9.

40 miles to assemble in the house of God.

At times, members of the congregation of the Saskatoon Church have not returned to their homes from the morning service until two o'clock in the afternoon because of the mighty things God was doing. The services are "alive" as the gifts of the Holy Spirit operate in this body of believers. The Chartiers share: "Many times the gift of the word of knowledge reveals specific needs which are met by God's matchless power. Mighty healings and deliverances are wrought in the church, in homes and elsewhere as people call on the Lord in faith. Messages in prophecy, tongues and interpretation edify, comfort and exhort God's children. Marvelous things are accomplished as faith reaches out with God into the areas of the impossible."

Truly, the members of the body of the Saskatoon Foursquare Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the leadership of Reverend and Mrs. James Chartier, are fulfilling the prophecy that was spoken to them a few months ago. They were told of a great flowing river which was the mighty, powerful presence of God. They were to step into the river and then reach out as fingers touching the lives of many others far and near with the love and sweet presence of Christ; bringing to those whose lives are spiritually parched with thirst, the LIVING WATER . . . JESUS. 4



Above: Sunday School teacher Ann Irvine has led other former alcoholics and drug users to Jesus Christ; Roy Coulman ministers in the Wednesday Evening Prayer Service and participates in the church counseling ministry. He is also a key man in the local Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship.

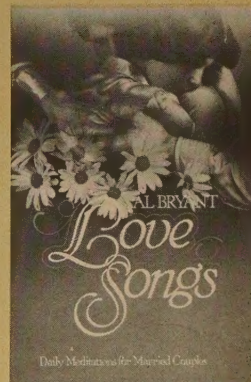
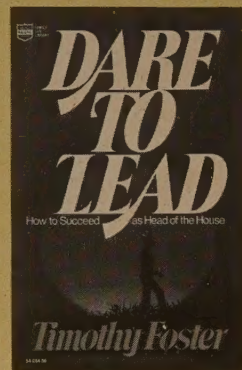
book briefs:

Dare To Lead, by Timothy Foster, Regal, \$3.25 (Study Guide, \$1.39).

Written as a guide to the head of the house, this book for husbands will challenge men to follow Christ's command and become effective, loving leaders in their homes. Part I explains "Principles of Leadership in the Home," while Part II covers "Issues Facing Leadership in the Home." Written in a crisp, spare style that men will enjoy, this is an important book for all husbands and fathers. The author, a clinical psychologist, is the father of two young girls. Especially suitable for use in study groups.

Love Songs, by Al Bryant, Word, \$7.95.

An excellent gift for the June bride and groom, this book of 366 daily devotions is dedicated to the holy bond between man and woman and will give them a pertinent collection of thoughts relating to marriage and love. Mr. Bryant, the Senior Editor of Word Books who has authored and compiled more than 40 books, has written this daily meditations for married couples from a background of 30 years of marriage. 4



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